row fair and cooler.

Temperature for twenty-four hours ending 2 p.m. today: Highest, 64, at 2 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 40, at 4 a.m. today.

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ALLIES CAPTURE WHOLE OF BELGIAN COAST

PRESIDENT TURNS DOWN APPEAL OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY Reichstag May Meet Tues-

Tells Hapsburgs They Must Deal With Oppressed Peoples.

VIRTUALLY ENDS PARLEY WITH DUAL MONARCHY

This Nation to Stand Behind Polyglots Seeking Their Independence.

President Wilson, in a note rived in Berlin for consultation over sent today through the Swedish the answer. minister, refused the request of Austria-Hungary for an armisare construed to be final and de- left open for further negotiations. thing more than mere autonomy. His refusal went even further than that; it closed the door to further representations to the allies and declared that Austria-Hungary must deal with

those peoples. The President declared they must be satisfied with the terms of peace and that they, not the President of the United States, must be the judges of what action by Austria-Hungary is

acceptable to them. The language of the note, it is thought here, precludes further ex-Austria-Hungary and relegates fu-ture dealings for peace to the peoples who constitute the Austro-Hungarian

Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who saw Secretary Lansing's letter communicating the note as soon as it was is sued, said the note expresses the de-termination of this government to stand by the oppressed peoples of Austria-Hungary, including the Poles.

Text of Note to Austria. The text of the note handed to the

Sir: I have the honor to acknowl-Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 7th instant, in which you transmit a communication of the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary to the President. I am now instructed by the President to request you to be good enough through your government to contact the imperial and royal royal. vey to the imperial and royal government the following reply:

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"The President doesns it his duty
to say to the Austro-Hungarian
government that he cannot entertain the present suggestions of
that government because of cartain that government because of certain events of atmost importance which, occurring since the delivery of his address of the 8th of January last, have necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the government of the Unitel States. Among the fourteen terms of peace which the Fresident formulated at that time occurred the following:

"X. The peoples of Austria-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous developments."

and uttered to the Congress of the United States the government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czecho-Slovaks and the German and Austro-Hungarian empires, an dthat the Czecho-Slovak national council is a de facto bel-ligerent government clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czecho-Slovaks. It has also recognized in the fullest manner the justice of the nationalistic aspirations of the Jugo-Slovaks for freedom

The President is, therefore, no longer at liberty to accept the mere 'autonomy' of these peoples as a basis of peace, but is obliged to insist that they, and not he, shall be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian gov-ernment will satisfy their aspirations and their conception of their rights and destiny as members of the family of nations." Accept, sir, the renewed assur-

ances of my highest consideration. (Signed) ROBERT LANSING. In announcing his reply Secretary Lansing also made public the official text of the Austro-Hungarian note.

> Legation of Sweden Washington, D. C. October 7, 1918.

(Translation.)
Excellency:
By order of my government I have the honor confidentially to transmit herewith to you the following communication of the imperial and toyal government of Austria-Hungary to the President of the United States of America:
"The Austro-Hungarian monarchy, which has waged war always and solely as a defensive war and repeatedly given documentary evidence of its readiness to stop the shedding of blood and to arrive at a just and honorable peace, hereby addresses itself to

peace, hereby addresses itself to peace, hereby addresses itself to his lordship the President of the United States of America and offers to conclude with him and his allies an armistice on every front on land, at sea and in the air, and to enter immediately upon negotiations for a peace for which the fourteen points in the message of President Wilson to Congress of January 8, 1918, and the four

January 8, 1918, and the four points contained in President Wil-son's address of February 12, 1918, should serve as a foundation and in which the viewpoints declared by President Wilson in his address of September 27, 1918, will also be Be pleased to accept.

(Signed) A. F. EKENGREN.

Mr. Robert Lansing.
Secretary of State of the
United States, Washington.

NO GERMAN REPLY FOR SEVERAL DAYS SPEED, GOES OVER

day-All-Day Government Conferences Held.

WORKMEN WANT PEACE

BERN, Switzerland, Friday, October 18.-The German reply to President Wilson will not be completed and dis-

pected that the reichstag will be summoned to meet Tuesday. The grand admiral of the fleet and the chief of the naval staff have ar-

patched for several days, according to the latest Berlin advices. It is ex-

May Leave Door Open.

It is believed that the reply will be neither a full acceptance nor a refusal, already subscribed. tice and peace in terms which but worded so that the door will be The Berlin reports show the holding cisive until the oppressed peoples of a peace demonstration by thou- banks for yesterday's work and of that empire are assured some- sands of workmen. On the other hand, led the District liberty loan the patriotic and economic associations, including the great German adopted resolutions urging the organization of a stubborn defense.

Cruelty Charges to Be Denied.

COPENHAGEN, October 19 .- Germany's reply to President Wilson, it is said by the Politiken, will deny the President's accusation of German cruelties and declare the submarine warfare cannot be stopped as long as there is no agreement as to an armistice. The reply, the newspaper declares, will not reject the President's demands, but will make further negotiations possible.

The German war cabinet met at 6 iclest last evening to the last the o'clock last evening to decide the definite form of the German answer.

Conferences Last All Day.

BASEL. Switzerland, October 18.— There were government conferences in Berlin yesterday that lasted all day, according to advices here. The war ministry held a five-hour session, in which the military chiefs participated.

Why Reply Is Held Up.

the situation in the empire so disquieting that further time was required by the war cabinet for delib-

The cabinet, the message said, held a five-hour session Thursday with all leaders represented, and at the last. If there is any man or woman in moment important considerations de- Washington this afternoon who has not ayed the dispatching of the note, which, official newspapers said, had

which, official newspapers said, had been sent.

The Voerwarts is quoted as follows:

"The German answer may not be ready before several days. The opinion of the federal councils commission for foreign affairs will be asked for. The government is believed to be contemplating the convoking of the great commission of the reichstag to explain the matter to it instead of assembling the reichstag as had been announced."

The Voerwarts also publishes an article which says that at the factories in Berlin the workmen openly assert that a ministry, headed by Haase and Ledebour, will shortly be formed, which will represent the working class and be supported by the workmen's committees.

bought a bond and feels that his bond is now not needed, the liberty loan committee asks him to remember the warning of Secretary McAdoo that even if peace were declared tomorrow the present loan will not be enough to pay the cost of crushing the Hun.

Incomplete bank reports received at headquarters this morning showed a total of \$29,463,150, but this did not include the \$1,000,000 secured by Mrs. McAdoo several days ago, nor the \$1,000,000 which Douglas Fairbanks brought back to Washington yesterday from his whirlwind campaign in New York.

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ONLY TWICE A WEEK

The House today entered upon a gentlemen's agreement for meetings only on Monday and Thursday of each week until the Senate has passed the war revenue bill, with the understanding that no important business shall be transacted during this period.

Exception was made for the benefit still to be acted upon by the Senate; the conference report on the agricultural emergency appropriation bill with its wartime prohibition and anti-rent profiteering riders and the conference report on the joint resolution to establish a reserve in the public health service. On these three measures the House will be

Favors Adjournment October 29.

The agreement also provides that is the Senate desires to bring about an adjournment of Congress from October 29 to November 12, as had been suggested, the House will be at libsuggested, the House will be at liberty to adopt such a plan.

The gentlemen's agreement was submitted to the House by Representative Kitchin, the majority leader. He explained that all war measures have been passed by the House with the exception of the three bills already referred to, and he said there was no reason why the House should not have a virtual recess after those three bills.

a virtual recess after those three bills have been disposed of until the war revenue bill has been passed by the He said the Senate finance commit- front today. They were received by expects to report the war revenue bill by October 29.

Outlines Senate Plan.

The Senate plan, he said, is to begin consideration of the revenue bill No-vember 12, after a two-week recess to permit the senators and repre-sentatives to go home to vote at the election. He also said that it was be-lieved the revenue bill should be rassed by November 25, and that Congress would then adjourn sine die and would not assemble until the opening of the regular session the first Monday in December.

-Last Day-Buy Bonds-

CAPITAL, AT FULL **BOND ISSUE OUOTA**

With More Than 31 Million Subscribed, New Mark Set on Final Day.

COMMITTEE KEEPS UP ITS EFFORTS FOR LOAN

All Banks Here to Be Open Until 9 O'Clock This Evening for Late Subscriptions.

Washington has gone gloriously over the top for the fourth liberty loan, with \$31,463,150

This estimate is based on incomplete returns from the committee to predict that the manufacturers' association, have nation's capital would wind up its campaign at midnight with more than \$35,000,000.

Speakers Out Today.

Undaunted by the rush with which Washington went past its quota of \$27,608,000, the local committee has hundreds of speakers out today going through government bureaus and holding street meetings in an effort has not yet subscribed.

At 11 o'clock this morning the com mittee estimated that 132,850 individuals had bought bonds. They believe, however, that there still are hundreds who have not bought and to these the speakers will appeal until the last horn blows at midnight.

All banks of the city will be open until 3 o'clock to take subscriptions. Reports received at loan headquarters.

Reports received at loan headquarters this morning to the effect that many were paying cash for bonds today led the committee to announce that the Treasury Department also will remain open until 9 o'clock tonight to Wilson's note, an official dispatch from Switzerland today said, may not be sent for several days. The questions to be considered are so serious and to be considered are so serious and

ton quota, having subscribed \$138,000. This is nearly \$10,000 more than it bought of the third loan.

Among the large cities of the fifth federal reserve district, which includes Washington, that have gone over the top with their quotas are Richmond, Newport News, Lynchburg. Danville, Portsmouth. Norfolk and Roanoke Va. Asheville Durtsmouth. Roanoke, Va.; Asheville, Durham and Highpoint, N. C.; Parkersburg and Huntington, W. Va., and Charleston, Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C.

AMERICAN SHIP LUCIA TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, October 19.-The American steamship Lucia, equipped with buoyancy boxes and supposed to of the \$6,000,000,000 appropriation bill, be unsinkable, has been sunk, accordpassed by the House yesterday, and ing to word received in shipping circles here today.

> in the Atlantic, but details as to the date of the sinking and the sate of the crew are leading. crew are lacking.

BRITISH NOT IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRIAN LEADERS

LONDON, October 18 .- The British foreign office announced officially this District of Columbia for the period evening there was no truth in the rumor that his majesty's government had been in touch with Austrian statesmen in Switzerland or elsewhere.

CHESTNUTTING. Freedom Speaks to Slackers SCOURGE ON WANE; By Charles E. Tracewell. OU SLACKERS! You mental and

financial cowards!

All who have not bought bonds of this fourth issue, although perfectly able to buy-I speak to YOU.

Wear the shoe if it fits. You have had a chance to wear the button of honor. . From the dome of the Capi-

tol I have looked down upon you, hour after hour, day after day, hoping you would do the right thing. Now, you slackers, the time

I have tried to touch your hearts. I have threatened. Now I throw away diplomacy. I become plain American. I beat around the bush no

has come to tell you what I think

of you. I have argued with you.

I SCORN you! All Americans scorn you-

Hun-Americans! You have to buy a house. forsooth, therefore you "cannot buy a bond this time." Slacker!
"You haven't paid for your other bonds." Coward!

The lives of brave men have paid; but YOU have not paid. Because you see no war, taste

no war, smell no war, the war is unreal to you. As long as you are safe and sound you do not care. Your mind and heart are

like two rotten stones, unfit to play their part in my Capital. I am ashamed of you, as you some day will be ashamed

of yourself. God gave you this chance, unparalleled since the world began, of helping Him and me, His servant, and you have preferred-oh, God in heaven-you have preferred a new suit

You slackers! You do not like the term? I like it less. Nobody has called you that before? You fool! They call you that in their hearts. You are angry? Thank God, there is some hope

left for you, then. Although the eleventh hour is at hand, and midnight comes on apace, there is yet time! Redeem yourself!

FOR D.C.NATIONAL GUARD Will Assist Working Girl to Re-

The House today passed the Senate bill providing for the enrollment of National Guard organizations in the of the war.

evening there was no truth in the rumor that his majesty's government had been in touch with Austran statesmen in Switzerland or elsewhere.

King Receives U. S. Socialists.

The primary intent of the bill is to grant authority by which the Strength of the National Guard of the District of Columbia may be auging the foliance of the District of Columbia may be auging the period of the war by permitting the period of the war by the permitting the period of the war by permitting the period of the war by permitting the period of the war by the permitting th The primary intent of the bill is

WOMAN'S UNIQUE OFFER IN AID OF LIBERTY LOAN

duce Cost of Winter Coat as Inducement to Subscribe. A Washington woman stands ready

to do a helpful thing in behalf of the liberty loan.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS

is quite possible it may try to make a stand somewhere on this side of those positions.

FATALITIES FEWER

Decrease of Fourteen Deaths and 190 New Cases for Twenty-Four Hours.

OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Hope of local health officers that the oorne out today by a decrease of fourteen deaths for the twenty-four hours ended at noon today as compared with the increase of eight deaths for a similar period yesterday. A decrease is noted of 190 cases of new patients for the twenty-four hours ended at noon today.

Seventy-seven deaths from influenza were reported to the health department for the period ended at noon. Yesterday's report at the similar hour totaled ninety-one deaths, an increase of eight over Thursday.

port of but 744 cases reported for the twenty-four hour period ended at noon today, as compared with the previous day's record of 934 cases.

Justification for Optimism.

Health Officer W. C. Fowler this morning said that the optimistic view taken by him of the influenza situation as expressed in The Evening Star yesterday afternoon held good today, he maintaining the belief, with all the lights before him of the conditions in the city and the

dent.

"There is no doubt in my mind," said Dr. Fowler, "that we are holding our own, and with the splendid co-operation of the public health service, that of the Red Cross activities, the trained nurses' organization, the physicians and the army of volunteer helpers we have every encouragement that we are slowly but were!"

Influenza in Buenos Aires. BUENOS AIRES, October 18 .- There are 200,000 cases of influenza in Buenos Aires. The medical authorities say that the disease is not Spanish influenza. There have been no deaths

Quake Recorded at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Mo., October 19 .- Earthquake tremors were recorded on the seismograph at the St. Louis University last night from 10.28 to 11.05 p.m. The distance was estimated at 1,800 miles almost due south.

NEW GERMAN LINE FROM ANTWERP TO NAMUR TO SEDAN

IN FRANCE, October 18 (by the Associated Press).-A new German line of defense from Antwerp through Namur to Sedan, which probably will be given the name of the Wotan III line, is understood to be in the course of construction. On this side of the line the Germans do side of the line the Germans do not appear to have any defenses of real importance.

It is considered likely that the main bulk of the German armics, or rather what is left of the main bulk, in this section of the front, is on its way to the Wotan III line, though it

HUNS ARE QUITTING BRUSSELS, IS CLAIM; ALLIES PRESS ON

British Reported Near Dutch Frontier---French Cavalry Approaching Ghent.

LONDON, October 19, 2:30 p.m.-Allied forces have captured the whole of the Belgian coast, according to information received by the Evening News. The allied line now extends from a position on the Dutch coast to the east of Bruges and to the south of Courtrai.

AMSTERDAM, October 19.—British troops have entered the Belgian town of Eecloo, according to a dispatch from Sluis to the Telegraaf. Six thousand Germans have been shut in against the Dutch frontier.

LONDON, October 19, 1:05 p.m.-Many German columns with numerous guns and automobiles traveling eastward, are passing Sluis, a town on the Holland frontier ten miles northeast of Brugen. German sentinels have abandoned their posts on the

Refugees arriving in Holland from Belgium report that a number of ships on the Eecloo canal, carrying German officers and war material, were shot to pieces and sunk with all on board by Belgian troops on Friday afternoon, says a dispatch from

Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph. The German troops, according to the refugees, are retreating toward Ghent and Antwerp.

AMSTERDAM, October 19.-The evacuation of Brussels by the Germans has already begun, according to M. Heinrich, an ctivist Belgian deputy.

The deputy is quoted thus by the correspondent of the Nieuw Evan Den Dags at Rosendaal, on the Dutch frontier, who says the deputy himself has arrived at Brussels.

The evacuation reports, it is declared, refer to the German troops and not to the civilian population of the city.

British troops are approaching Sluis, on the Dutch frontier ten miles northeast of Bruges, say advices from Breakens. The Germans continue to retire toward Ghent.

Great hope is derived from the re- Allies Swing Steadily On, Capturing Important Points

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN siderable opposition, occupied the Herseaux-Mouecron railway, to the east BELGIUM, October 19 .- The entire and north of the French liberated towns British and Belgian front still was mov- of Tourcoing and Roubaix. ing forward this morning. The Belgians | The towns of Chereng, Hasmy, Vred were gaining steadily and the British in and Cattelet have been captured by the

ditions in the city and the operation of the activities fighting the spread of the disease; that the contagion was on the decrease and that in a short time this would be evi-Take Ambly-Haut, Near Rethel

tinue successfully their advance south the French first army has taken more of Wassigny and west of Cruise, accord- than 3,000 prisoners and twenty guns. hat we are slowly but surely master- ing to the war office statement today. East of Rethel the Germans have Along the canal the French hold the ers. .

PARIS, October 19.—The French con- Noyales. Since October 17 in this region that we are slowly but surely master—ing to the war office statement today. East of Rethel the Germans have ing the disease."

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of Romagne and taking Bantheville

without artillery preparation. The

Americans pushed the German infan-

try and machine g ers back after

Northwest of Grand Pre the Ameri-

cans captured Talma farm in the

face of a stiff machine-gun resist-

ance. There was much fighting at

Feeble counter attacks were made

by the Germans this morning east

close quarters throughout the day.

Yankees Surprise Germans; Seize Bantheville in Advance

NORTHWEST OF VERBUN, October 19, 1 p.m. (by the Associated Press),-Gen. Pershing's troops today continued to improve their positions in the region of Bantheville and the wood of Bantheville. There are some indications that the Germans are planning a withdrawal to what are believed to be new lines of defenses a few miles in the rear.

This possible retirement of the Germans is believed to be due to the menacing position of the Americans at the edge of the Kriemhild line below Landres-et-St. Georges, where Gen. Pershing's men are steadily advancing.

The Germans early this morning launched a counter attack upon the American positions in La Grande Montagne. The attack was repulsed.

The Germany infantry attack was preceded by a heavy artil-

The Germans this morning con-tinued their harassing fire east of

of the Meuse river, but they were easily repulsed. There were live y artillery duels during the morning, but little infantry fighting.

The Germans continue to rely chiefly on machine guns to check the Americans, but even these weapons are almost quiet in the eastern portion of

host quiet in the eastern portion of this sector. American patrols have been active in the center and on the left wing, where they have estab-lished outpost lines north of Cote de Chatillon. They have partially cleaned out Loges wood and penetrated further into Bantheville wood. Because of the wet weather the enemy has been using many gas shells recently. The American guns opened quite a heavy bombardment at 7 o'clock this

tinued their harassing fire east of the River Meuse.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October 18 (11 p.m.).—The Americans sprang another surprise over the Germans

-Last Day-Buy Bonas-

-Last Day—Buy Bonds—

-Last Day-Buy Bonds- -Last Dr. -Buy Bonds-

-Last Day-Buy Bonds-